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LETTER DATED 29 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HAITI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter addressed to you from His Excellency Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haiti.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fritz LONGCHAMP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 29 July 1994 from the President of the Republic of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

On 3 July 1993, under the auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of American States, the Governors Island Agreement was signed. It was supposed to bring about a solution to the Haitian crisis and allow for my return to Haiti on 30 October 1993. More than a year has passed since then.

Today, there is no longer any doubt that the High Command of the Armed Forces of Haiti in control of the nation has absolutely no intention of either respecting the commitments which it signed or facilitating the implementation of this Agreement. Quite to the contrary, the military authorities, continuing to display their contempt for national sovereignty, have adopted an arrogant, provocative attitude and have stepped up their acts of defiance against the international community, as witnessed by the illegal installation of a provisional president and the expulsion of the United Nations International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH).

This attitude has contributed to an alarming deterioration of the human rights situation in Haiti and a dramatic increase in the suffering of the Haitian people, forcing them to seek refuge outside the country.

As a party to the Governors Island Agreement, I, for my part, have scrupulously respected my commitments thereunder. Therefore, I feel that the time has come for the international community, as a party in the process which led to that Agreement, to take prompt and decisive action, under the authority of the United Nations, to allow for its full implementation.

(Signed) Jean-Bertrand ARISTIDE